[Mr. Tamarapallil Kochutomman.]

(*a*) that the road running from Chengannur to Mannar *via* Pandanad is still lying in the same condition as when damaged by the heavy floods of 1099; and

(*b*) that this road runs between two thickly populated centres of the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The damage caused to the road by the floods of 1099 were remedied, but some more breaches occurred in 1102 owing to the floods of that year. The Chief Engineer reports that the people themselves have promised to close those breaches.

(*b*) Yes.

Grant of hill allowance to certain subordinates in the Munsiffs' Courts at Kanjirapalli and Kottayam.

237. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why the Amins and the peons in the Kanjirapalli Munsiff's Court are given hill allowance, while the clerks are not given the same?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state the reason why the Amins and peons in the Kottayam District Court are not given hill allowance?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Because the clerks, unlike the Amins and peons, have not to go to the hills in the discharge of their duties.

(*b*) As the Amins and peons of the Kottayam District Court have to go to the hills only on rare occasions, they are not given hill allowance.

Construction of the Mulakkanchira todu.

238. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that heavy damage is caused to paddy cultivation for want of proper drainage in the Kuzhimattam and other fields in the Panachikkadu pakuthi of the Kottayam taluk;

(*b*) whether the local people have requested them to construct the Mulakkanchira *todu* both for drainage purposes and for the improvement of means of communication; and

(*c*) if so, whether they have taken any action in the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The people have been petitioning about the want of proper drainage.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The petitions were referred to the Chief Engineer.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): May I know the year in which the latest petition was presented to Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am unable to say which was the earliest petition.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): May I know whether any reply has been received from the Chief Engineer?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): His final reply has not been received.

Construction of a todu in the Nattakam pakuthi.

239. MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the local inhabitants have made a request to them for the construction of a *todu* through Pallam and Mariapalli in the Nattakam pakuthi of the Kottayam taluk;

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter; and

(*c*) whether they will arrange for an enquiry into and report on the need for the expenditure on the construction of the *todu*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petition was forwarded to the Chief Engineer.

(*c*) The matter is being investigated.

Maistries of the P. W. Department.

240. MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the maistries of the Public Works Department possess any technical examination qualification;

(*b*) whether they are aware that, as their appointments are temporary, the number of maistries is more than what is required; and

(*c*) if they will enquire whether, in the interests of efficiency, it is necessary to make their appointments permanent?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; most of the maistries possess technical qualifications.

(*b*) The number of maistries is within the limit of requirements.

(*c*) The Government will consider the matter.

Average area of land available in the State per head.

241. MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the average area of land available for enjoyment per head of the population in Travancore, excepting backwaters, forests, *poramboke*s and *tarisu* lands?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): 60·21 cents per head of population.

Registry of lands to members of Depressed Classes in the Kottayam Taluk.

242. MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications submitted by members of the depressed classes in 1103, for the registry of lands in the Kottayam taluk;

(*b*) the number of applications submitted in the previous year but pending in 1103;

(*c*) the number of applications granted in 1103 and the area assigned under such applications; and

(*d*) the number of applications rejected and the reasons therefor?

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